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1. [] ship was bound for Riga in February 1954, but it was rerouted to Klaipeda which was the only ice-free Soviet port in the Baltic at that time. The ship entered the Winter Harbor by the northern channel on 18 February 1954 and it departed through the southern channel on 22 February 1954. 25X1
2. [] ship discharged herring in the northern section of the Winter Harbor. The berthing area lay parallel to the main line of the roadstead. The ship drew 16 feet fully loaded. [] there was a depth of 18 feet along this pier. 25X1
3. There were three electric cranes available on the pier. The outer sections of the cranes ran on rails along the edge of the pier, and the inner sections ran along a cement ramp. The southern portion of the pier was damaged, probably from bombing. In addition to moving along the pier, the cranes had a lateral movement. Railway tracks, which were flush with the pier surface, ran underneath the overhead cranes. On the pier there were some iron structures which looked like crane parts.
4. The area marked North Ballast Quay on the J.I.B. sketch was only a stone dike and not a raised pier.¹ In this area there was an oil tank.
5. There were always ships loading coal at the South Ballast Quay. These ships were handled very quickly. Two or three grabbers were used. There was no coal tip (sic). On the pier there was a small stock of coal which did not exceed 1,000 tons. [] 25X1
6. In the area of Sandkrug Harbor there was some building activity. [] There was a jetty which was not indicated on the chart. Some small vessels were at this jetty, which appeared to be built of wood, but there did not appear to be much traffic between the jetty and the city. The whole area was lighted at night. 25X1

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7. The section which was marked Commune Bommels Vitte on the map was surrounded by a high wire fence. Military guards patrolled along the fence.
8. A short distance north of the lighthouse on the east side of the harbor entrance, there was a guard tower. It was a wooden building and was manned by personnel in blue uniforms. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the tower was used for guarding the entrance. 25X1
9. [redacted] the Paul Lindinau shipyard was not in operation. There 25X1
were no lights there during the night [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
10. [redacted] there was a great deal of aircraft activity over the 25X1
city. Most of the aircraft [redacted] came in low from the north 25X1
directly over the ship and probably landed in the vicinity. [redacted] 25X1
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1. [redacted] Comment: The sketch referred to is probably J.I.B. 4/A/10B. 25X1